

Amendments to the Specification:

This listing of specifications will replace all prior versions, and listings, of specifications in the application.

Page 7, beginning at line 17, please replace this paragraph with the following:

In one aspect, the present invention relates to a friction material having a base material impregnated with at least one curable resin. The base material has a porous primary layer comprising a fibrous base material, and a secondary layer comprising geometrically symmetrically shaped friction modifying particles at least partially covering an outer surface of the material. The primary layer holds the geometrically symmetrically shaped friction modifying particles on the surface of the primary material layer. The friction modifying particles can comprise symmetrically shaped silica particles such as shaped ~~celite~~ Celite® particles. In other embodiments, the friction modifying particles can comprise a mixture of carbon particles and symmetrically shaped silica particles, and/or the friction modifying particles can be present at about 0.2 to about 80%, by weight, based on the weight of the primary layer material.

On page 15, beginning at line 13, please replace this paragraph with the following:

In certain embodiments, the base material comprises from about 15 to about 25% cotton, about 50% aramid fibers, about 20% carbon fibers, about 15% carbon particles, about 15% ~~celite~~ Celite®, and, optionally, about 3% latex add-on.

On page 15, beginning at line 18, please replace this paragraph with the following:

In other embodiments, the base material comprises from about 15 to about 25% cotton, about 40 to about 50% aramid fibers, about 10 to about 20% carbon fibers, about 5 to about 15% carbon particles, about 5 to about 15% ~~celite~~ Celite®, and, optionally, about 3% latex add-on.

On page 17, beginning at line 10, please replace this paragraph with the following:

In one aspect of the present invention, the friction modifying materials having a regular geometry comprise round, flat disks of ~~celite~~ Celite®. When applied as a top layer to a base material, such round, flat disks of friction modifying particles provide a unique surface stacking pattern which improves oil retention and oil flow on the friction surface.